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Ms. Elizabeth O'Donnell  
Executive Director  
Kentucky Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 615  
Frankfort, KY 40602

*Re: Case No. 2004-00427 – In the Matter of Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. to Establish Generic Docket to Consider Amendments to Interconnection Agreements Resulting from Changes of Law*

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

As directed, undersigned local counsel for US LEC of Tennessee Inc. ("US LEC") hereby provides the status of US LEC's negotiations with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") to amend the parties' interconnection agreement due to changes of law. BellSouth and US LEC had previously negotiated and executed an amendment to the interconnection agreement between the parties to implement the Triennial Review Order ("TRO Order")<sup>1</sup>. Accordingly, US LEC intends to negotiate only the amendments to the parties' interconnection agreement necessary to implement the Order on Remand (or Final Order)<sup>2</sup>.

On or about March 14, 2005, US LEC received a proposed amendment from BellSouth addressing both the Final Order and the TRO Order. US LEC has reviewed the proposed amendment and is completing the editing processing. US LEC anticipates that it should be able to forward this redline version of the proposed amendment to BellSouth no later than April 22, 2005.

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<sup>1</sup> Report and Order and Order on Remand and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers; Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; Deployment of Wireline Service Offering Advanced Telecommunications Capability, 18 FCC Red 19020 (2003).

<sup>2</sup> Order on Remand, Unbundled Access to Network Elements, WC Docket No. 04-313, and Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, CC Doc. No. 01-338, (rel. Feb. 4, 2005).

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At the time that US LEC returns the redline version, US LEC also will request to schedule negotiations sessions between the two companies to discuss the suggested revisions to the amendment. Most likely, if the companies are able to schedule at least a 2-hour session, once a week, for the approximate 60 days available for negotiations, BellSouth and US LEC should either have a mutually acceptable amendment or a list of the terms that remain at issue.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas F. Brent". The signature is stylized with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Douglas F. Brent

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cc: parties listed on PSC service list dated 4/15/05 (by electronic mail)